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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF PARTYCONGRESS

1. GOG HAS ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING OF ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE DE GUINEE FROM SEPTEMBER 14 TO MID-NOVEMBER. CONGRESS IS NOW TO END NOVEMBER 22 WITH CEREMONIES MARKING EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE/EMIGRE RAID ON CONAKRY. OFFICIAL REASON GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT W, WEATHER (SIC). EXPLANATION PROFFERED IS THAT FORECAST IS FOR WETTER-THAN-NORMAL MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, WHICH WOULD LIMIT ACTIVITIES.

2. ACTUAL REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT MAY BE COMBINATION OF FACTORS. FIRST, SEKOU TOURE'S OWN PREOCCUPATION AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME; PRESIDENT TOURE HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME SINCE THE KANKAN PRE-CONGRESS MEETING ON UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO HELP MEDIATE GABON-BENIN DISPUTE. NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE IS CURRENTLY HERE ON STATE VISIT, AND VIETNAMESE DELEGATION HEADED BY VP NGUYEN HUU THO DUE HERE ALMOST AS SOON AS OBANANJO LEAVES TOWN. TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE SEPTEMBER 29 CALLS FOR GALA CELEBRATION. TOURE THEN

WILL PRESUMABLY PREPARE FOR TRIP TO ATTEND UNGA IN NEW YORK. SECOND, PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE GUINEAN AND FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO ELEVENTH CONGRESS (E.G., ADDITIONAL AND REFURBISHED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS) ARE NOWHERE NEAR COMPLETION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTERS SENAINON BEHANZIN (WHO HAS TOURISM AS ADJUNCT TO HIS INFORMATION AND IDEOLOGY PORTFOLIO) AND MOHAMED LAMINE TOURE (PUBLIC WORKS, URBANISM AND HABITAT) ARE GETTING MUCH OF BLAME FOR NON-COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS. THIRD, LOSS?* ONE IL-18 FROM SMALL AIR GUINEA FLEET (SEE CONAKRY 1650 NOTAL) MAY HAVE BEEN SEEN AS TEMPORARILY DIMINISHING GOG'S ABILITY TO FLY FOREIGN DELEGATES TO CONGRESS TO SEE SHOWPLACES IN GUINEA (MOSTLY SITES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS), AS TOURE INSISTS BE DONE.

3. FOR AF/W: PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR CROSBY.
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